

REMARKS

The present claims relate to a chip on film ("COF") film carrier tape and a method for producing a COF film carrier tape.

Preliminary matters

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the two signed Forms PTO/SB/08 A & B included with the Office Action. However, Applicant notes that the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B that was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of February 11, 2005 was signed by the Examiner, but did not include the Examiner's initials next to the documents listed on the Form. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial next to the documents listed on the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B.

Status of the claims

In the Office Action, claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Sakata (U.S. Patent No. 6,900,989).

Amendment summary

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-16 will be pending.

All claims are amended to clarify that “COF” means “chip on film,” as the Examiner correctly indicated in the Office Action. The first paragraph of the specification is also amended to reflect that “COF” means “chip on film.”

No new matter is added by this Amendment, and Applicant respectfully submits that entry of this Amendment is proper.

Response to claim objection

The Office Action objected to the claims for reciting “COF,” rather than “chip on film.” Applicant has amended the claims to recite “chip on film,” as the Examiner correctly noted that “COF” is commonly known in the art as “chip on film.” Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the basis for the objection to the claims has been obviated, and the objection should be withdrawn.

Response to restriction requirement

Applicant hereby acknowledges the election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-12.

Response to rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on Sakata

In Paragraph No. 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Sakata.

Applicant notes that the present Application claims priority to JP 2002-18690 (JP '690), filed on June 26, 2002, which pre-dates Sakata's § 102(e) date of March 12, 2003. Applicant submits herewith a certified English translation of JP'690. Applicant specifically notes that support for the present claims is found in, e.g., claims 1-9 of JP '690. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Sakata does not constitute prior art.

Hence, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this § 102 rejection.

Request for rejoinder

Applicant respectfully submits that rejoinder of the withdrawn method claims is proper, and accordingly respectfully requests such an action.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, DC telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

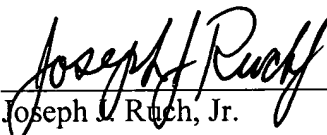
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